

SELECTED POETRY.

LOVE'S REMONSTRANCE.

What! for a word—a idle word!
And now, as just that earnest spoken!

Oh, if my heart had sought thee less,
Mine eyes would less to wander round thee.

WHAT IS HEAVEN?

I saw a radiant orb amongst the spheres,
Shining resplendent o'er his bright compeers;

I asked the Morn, smiling o'er the plains,
While hill and dale re-echoed the glad strains;

ALL SORTS OF PIECES.

USEFUL FACTS.—Water, when hot, dissolves more salt, sugar, &c., than when it is cold.

COURTESY in the country is altogether, a different institution from the city article.

INSECT COMFORTS.—Insects generally must lead a truly joyful life.

WHAT CONSTITUTES EVIL?—The christian combat is a combat principally against false and inferior goods.

GENEALOGICAL QUERY.—A correspondent of the Louisville Times gives that paper the following genealogical query to answer:

TRUE AIM IN LIFE.—We ought to think much more of walking in the right path than of reaching our end.

GARDENS FOR WORKING MEN.—The possession of a garden, with a disposition to cultivate, and its non-possession, with a tendency to undervalue such an appendage.

TO PRESERVE POSTS FROM ROT.—Steep the end to be set in the ground in a solution of Blue Vitrol.

MEMORY is like a purse: if it be overfull, that it cannot shut, all will drop out of it.

Travellers' Stories.

To begin with the most credible, we copy the account of a ludicrous marriage.

practiced by the gipsies of Wallabia related by W. W. Smyth, in his book entitled 'A Year with the Turks.'

Hooker, in his 'Himalayan Journal,' relates that must have been anything but pleasant.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH LECCHES.

The weather continued very hot for the elevation (4,000 to 5,000 feet.) the rain brought no coolness, and for the greater part of the three marches between Singtam and Chakoong, we were either wading through deep mud, or climbing over rocks.

Speaking of eating reminds us of a story told by a black priest in Abyssinia to Mr. Parkyns, the amateur barbarian.

DELICATE ATTENTIONS TO STRANGERS!

He said that a brown man, a Mahomedan, priest, who went there from his country, in the hope of converting his people to Islamism, was—though protected from actual danger by his sanctity—a very tempting object among them, so much so, that whenever he went out the little children came about him, poking with their fingers in the ribs, feeling his arms and legs, and muttering to one another, 'Wa-wa, wa, wa' (meat, meat), with their features expressive of the greatest possible inclination to taste him.

FRENCH WOMEN.

We extract the following from 'Parisian Life and French Principles,' a very readable work recently published by the Harpers:

'A female-rights orator' has asserted, that if woman had more of the occupations of men they would be more virtuous. By that rule the women of France ought to far excel in that respect, their sisters of America.

But there is one discovery the reformist of the sex can make in Paris, to which I beg particularly to call their attention, and that is, how to preserve the freedom of their limbs and their petticoats also.

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he will desert the public-house for that spot of quiet and cheering occupation. Domestic misery is in this way often prevented, and children are trained to find pleasure in a harmless and elevating pursuit.—Bellevue Review.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A GOOD EXCUSE.—There is a society in existence which, like most other associations of the kind, has a standing rule that all members who come late or absent themselves shall be fined a certain sum, unless they are able to give sufficient excuse for tardiness or absence.

'Really Sir,' said he, 'I was not able to get here before. Domestic troubles—perplexities of mind—I cannot say which will die first, my wife or my daughter.'

'Ah!' said the chairman, expressing much commiseration for the father and husband, 'I was not aware of that; remit the fine, Mr. Secretary, the excuse is a good one.'

'Your old Kentucky home!' you poor soul, you,' said Mrs. Partington, as she thrust her night out of the window away almost into the midnight to catch the notes of the song an individual was singing, in a dismal voice near her dwelling.

A TYRANNICAL husband locked the door against his wife, who was visiting a neighbor, and when she applied for admittance, he pretended not to know her.

A NEW SETTLER, somewhere in Missouri, gives the following graphic description of the people and the country in that section of Uncle Sam's dominions: 'As for the country, the land is as cheap as dirt, and good enough; but the climate is rainy, blowy and sultry. The people die so fast here that every man has his third wife, and every woman is a widow.'

'ARE YOU fond of novels, Mr. Jones?' 'Very,' responded the interrogated gentleman, who wished to be thought by the lady questioner a lover of literature.

'SURE, and I'm heir to a splendid estate under my father's will. When he died, he ordered my elder brother to divide the house with me; and by St. Patrick he did it—for he tucked the inside himself, and gave me the outside.'

Mrs. Partington informs us that she intended the consort of the Female Cemetery last evening, and some of the songs were extirpated with touching pythagorus, she declares the whole thing went off like a packenham shot, the young angles sung like a pack of angles just out of paradox.

A quack doctor, in one of his hand-bills, says he could bring living witnesses to prove the efficacy of his nostrum, 'which is more, says he, 'than others in my line can do.'

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How a Fellow brought in the Returns.

Is a country near by, an election was held for the office of high sheriff. Three popular candidates were in the field, and their chances of success were about equal.

On the morning of the election, runners, provided with fleet horses, were dispatched to all the different polls of the country, who were to bring in the returns to the county seat—a hotel which was the head-quarters of the three parties.

The returns were all in with the exception of one township, and the contest thus far was so close that the disparity between the highest and lowest candidate was less than ten votes.

The fate of the three candidates hung upon the result of the one poll. Each candidate had claimed a handsome majority in the remaining township—but as each had been deceived by the votes of the balance, the result in this was in extreme doubt.

In the stillness of the night, the clattering of a horse's feet was faintly heard in the distance. The shout of 'he's coming,' gave general notice of the fact. As the messenger neared them his noble animal flying as it were under whip and spur—they fell back on either side, and opened a passage to receive him.

A death-like stillness pervaded the crowd, as the runner continued to expatiate upon the speed and qualities of his colt—a matter in which none but himself seemed to feel any interest; just at that time—the returns being the only thing which could interest the crowd. 'Thirty-eight majority!' answered the runner. 'For whom?' demanded the same voice in the crowd.

'Gentlemen, all I know about it is that some feller got thirty-eight majority! but who the d— I it was I can't tell you: one thing I know, and that is, that you can bet your life on the hoos.'

We have since frequently heard of this man who is now universally known and called in this neighborhood by the cognomen of 'the fellow that brought in the returns.'—O. S. Democrat.

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